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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT: EGYPTIAN EXPECTATIONS

1. AS WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN, FAHMY TACKLED ME YESTERDAY TO KNOW WHAT MATERIAL THINGS WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE SADAT IN ASSISTANCE DURING PRESIDENT'S UPCOMING VISIT. SADAT, HE NOTED, IS UNDER SEVERE ATTACK FROM ARAB WORLD AFTER SIGNING SINAI II. SOVIETS ARE ALREADY SHOWING THEIR DIS- PLEASURE BY HOLDING UP NEEDED SUPPORT. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR SADAT, FAHMY ARGUED, THAT HE COME BACK FROM THE US WITH PROMISES OF SUBSTANTIAL MATERIAL HELP. ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN HE JUSTIFY POLICY ON WHICH HE HAS EMBARKED.

2. SPECIFICALLY, FAHMY SAID, SADAT NEEDS US AGREEMENT TO SELL DEFENSIVE ARMS TO EGYPT, FINALIZATION OF AGREEMENT

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ON EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR REACTOR, SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC AID ALONG

THE LINES OF THE LIST HE HAD GIVEN US (CAIRO 8814), SOMETHING TANGIBLE ON US-ORGANIZED MULTILATERAL EMERGENCY AID FOR EGYPT AND ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ITEMS WE MIGHT DEVISE. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHERE WE STAND ON THESE MATTERS. IN CONNECTION WITH ARMS, HE DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON PRESIDENT FORD'S PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING ARMS SALES TO EGYPT. HE HOPED THIS IS THE CASE, SINCE EGYPTIAN ARMY'S CONTINUED SUPPORT OF SADAT COULD DEPEND UPON THIS.

3. I TOLD HIM I HAD NO INFORMATION ON ARMS. ON THE ATOMIC ENERGY REACTOR, THE BALL WAS IN THE EGYPTIAN COURT ON A TECHNICAL PROBLEM. I UNDERTOOK TO GET THE PAPERS TOGETHER AND DISCUSS WITH HIM IN DETAIL WHERE WE STAND. ON EMERGENCY AID FOR EGYPT, I HAD A FEW DAYS AGO GIVE MIN FINANCE ABU ISMAIL A STATUS REPORT AND WOULD ALSO GIVE FAHMY A COPY. ON ECONOMIC AID, HE ALREADY KNEW WHAT WE PROPOSE FOR FY '76, BUT WHETHER ANNOUNCEMENT IS POSSIBLE DURING SADAT VISIT WILL DEPEND UPON CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

4. I ASSURED FAHMY THAT WE REGARD UPCOMING SADAT VISIT AS A MAJOR EVENT AND WILL DO EVERYTHING FEASIBLE TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS FOR THE PRESIDENT AND FOR US. AS HE SHOULD KNOW, A MEETING BETWEEN OUR TWO PRESIDENTS IS A MAJOR EVENT IN ITSELF WITH FAR-REACHING POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. THIS ASPECT OF THE VISIT SHOULD BE GIVEN WEIGHT IT DESERVES.

5. AM SENDING BY SEPTTEL STATUS REPORT AS WE UNDERSTAND IT HERE ON VARIOUS SPECIFIC ITEMS MENTIONED BY FAHMY AND OTHERS LIKELY TO BE RAISED. ASSUME WE ARE ALREADY WORKING ON THESE ITEMS.
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